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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

FRANCE IN EGYPT.

The natives in Cairo are incensed against France for refusing consent to the conversion of the unified debt, thereby preventing a reduction in the land tax.

THE JAPANESE FORCES IN MANCHURIA.

Despatches from Manchuria Count Yamagata report various skirmishes between Japanese scouting parties and large bodies of Chinese troops. The Japanese scouting parties are now returning to Anbung, the headquarters of the Valor Army.

THE PEACE OF EUROPE.

The Emperor William of Germany is opening the Reichstag expressed his confidence in the maintenance of European peace.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE were 4,902 vehicles in the streets of Singapore on the 27th October.

THE annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held at the City Hall, at noon on the 20th instant.

It is reported that a further dividend of one shilling to the £ will be paid by the New O. B. C. Liquidator in February or March next.

THE O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 4th inst.

A SIGN of the times: Fifty-seven applications were made to the Sanitary Board for the six vacant posts of Inspectors of Nuisances at \$70 per annum.

THE four-masted British ship *Falkland*, from Kobe to Chittagong, passed through Singapore harbour on the 23rd ult., and wished to be reported all well.

POLICIES granted by the Japan Life Insurance Company having totalled ten million yen, the event was to be celebrated by a big banquet in Tokyo on 30th ultimo.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of India* arrived at Kobe at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, and left again at 3 p.m. yesterday for Vancouver, via Yokohama.

AS we indicated was the case some weeks ago, now, by telegram that a practical alliance has been advanced between Great Britain and Russia, especially in regard to affairs in the Far East.

AN Irish editor, who speaks with the air of a man who has discovered a new fact by experience, says that the way to prevent bleeding at the nose is to keep your nose out of other people's business.

THE wives and mothers of Penang are said to have formed an alliance to demand "Exchange Commensation" from their husbands. They want Mitchell Innes very badly in Penang; but "not much," says Norman Gilbert.

THE British steamer *Cromarty*, which arrived here last night from Teul and Samarang, reports having the steamer *Wilmington* at 7 a.m. on the 4th inst. off Penang Island, lat. 10.50 deg. north and long. 121.10 deg. east.

"The Young Man"—"Gracie, what is it your father sees in me to object to, darling?" "The Young Woman" (wiping away a tear)—"He doesn't see anything in you, Algerien; that's why he objects to."

A MARINE Court of Inquiry will be held at the Harbour Office to-morrow morning to determine the cause of the China and Manila Co.'s steamer *Zofra* grounding at North Point (Ly-cu-men Pass) on the 14th ultimo.

MISS ELISE ADAMS was at a dance at Singapore Town Hall on the 27th, "under the patronage of five Consuls." Poor Elsie! Somebody told the *Strait Times* Archimedes live reporter that the show was "entirely suitable for ladies." Good boy, Arnet!

WE are advised by the Secretary of the Pusan Mining Company, Limited, of a receipt of a telegram from Mr. Blaney reading:—"Are faint the Lido Mial Collyer to feel. Have not yet got to the footwall. Value unchanged," which appears to be a correction of the telegram received yesterday that the footwall had been met at 4 ft. 6 inches.

MR. OSMUND, barrister-at-law, has reported from London to the Japanese Government that the *Chikuma-Nippon* collision case, which was expected to come before the Privy Council last month, has been suddenly postponed. There is no prospect, he says, that a hearing will take place this year; probably the case will be dealt with next spring.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Shamrock Hotel Company, Ltd., was held this afternoon, and after the state of affairs had been carefully explained by Mr. J. J. Francis, O.C., who presided, it was resolved to adjourn for one week and in the meantime prepare a statement of account for presentation at the next meeting.

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THE P. M. Co.'s *China* and the N. P. Co.'s *Tacoma* were docked at Kowloon to-day for the usual periodical overhaul.

THE *China* and *Daily Press* regarding the terrible conflagration at Whampoa, by which almost the whole town was utterly destroyed, is worthy of those who in intelligent journals. A full report of the catastrophe, by our Special Correspondent, who returned from Whampoa this morning, will appear in our next issue.

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture—"Serenade".....Rossini.
Mourning—"La Traviata".....Verdi.
Medley—"An Rhymer".....Macdonald.
Selection—"Cavalleria Rusticana".....Mascagni.
Part Song—"Hark the Drum".....Krug.

In the Singapore *Free Press* may be relied on, Miss Elsie Adams, the clever skirt dancer who made such good work a few weeks with the impressionable hearts of some of our Hongkong dukes and donkeys, will shortly re-visit this colony on her way back to California. Java fever fairly "knocked" the fair Elsie and, on medical advice, she has abandoned her projected trip to India.

THE new treaty of commerce between Japan and Great Britain, according to the *N. Y. Maritime Register*, will give Japan an immense advantage in its future relations with other countries and will also be of benefit to British commerce. The United States will eventually conclude a treaty of the same kind with Japan, continues the *Register*, but our Government would have done more for our Japanese trade, had it settled the matter some time ago, which it could have done.

Not so bad as it might have been. The Silverstone—"Missus Schauburg, I must break some bad news to you about your son." Mrs. Schauburg—"What is it, Mr. Silverstone? Speak kindly." Mr. Silverstone—"He has eloped with an actress."

Mrs. Schauburg—"Is that all? From de way you spoke I was afraid he had been eaten 'some ham.'"

WE received to-day a complaint from two ladies who were subjected to grossly abusive conduct on the part of three "doodles" who "edged" our correspondents' chairs into the gutter in passing them in Wyndham Street yesterday afternoon. Fortunately for these first-class class ladies in question did not know their assailants' names and we are deprived therefore of holding them up to public ridicule and contempt in the manner which their cowardly and boorish conduct merits, but we cannot refrain from saying that the "doodles" who so grossly abused our correspondents are not to be distinguished individuals and that no pains will be spared to "place" them in more ways than one.

THERE is some talk of Russia's seeking to obtain, in return for good offices to be rendered to China, cessions of territory in Manchuria, so as to permit of the Siberian Railway being constructed by the southern route. This, says the *St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times*, would be much shorter and easier than the route adopted, which follows the enormous bend of the Amoor river from Khabarovka to Strikland through an extremely mountainous region, which will create enormous difficulties and involve great expense. It is stated, however, that "Though Japan sympathizes with Russia's ambition to secure an ice-free port, she will not consent to any European Power taking one foot of Korean soil, neither can Russia be allowed to take any position which will be a menace to the safety or integrity of Japan. Japan has pledged herself not to annex Korea, but she will not evacuate that country until the Koreans are fully capable of self-government. Korea will be to Japan as Egypt is to Great Britain."

RECENTLY a committee meeting of the "National Dress Society" was held at the Vicarage, Harbottle House in Cromwell Road, London. The Society has decided to hold an exhibition of dress suitable for outdoor wear, games, and excursions. A circular has been sent out to the leading firms in London, the provinces, and abroad, asking them whether they are disposed to enter their names as exhibitors and competitors for the prizes that are to be offered. All the dresses shown are to be designed on the dress principle, without any overcoat, "and with a natural or classic waist."

Commenting on the above, an eccentric masculine correspondent writes to an English contemporary as follows:—"The Rational Dress Society are offering prizes for a novel style of trousers for females wear. Trousers! Yes, the word is out, and we have no wish to resist it. It is well to know exactly where we are. These advanced ladies should be voluntarily resigning the flounce which has been exercised over successive generations of men by the word 'petticoat.' In we confess, a surprise. Do they fully realise all it means? Happy men are left with one consolation: The flattery by the ladies, which springs of jealousy, vanity, and the love of power, is all over. The ladies have all, in turn, been copied. They were left with one garment they could call their own—their trousers. And now these are gone, or, at least, are going!"

In the course of a very able article on the *Indian Medical Gazette*, Surgeon-Captain P. Mohr, F. R. S. E., says:—"I have been twenty years in India, during which time I have found a number of officers, and have had many opportunities of seeing opium used under almost every conceivable circumstance. I can emphatically state that opium, under no circumstances, produces disease of any kind, and that instead of shortening it increases the length of life, and that instead of increasing the mortality of its consumers, it produces a healthy and moral disposition, and a desire to overcome vices. When seeking examples of these states in the human being, the abuse of alcohol, the consumption of opium, and other classes may be investigated with most success that the opium-eating class. The opium habit has now passed through many generations, but it has failed to produce any modification in the physique and mental power of the race. It has not produced any of those who have indulged in this habit, and it is not in the least a source of weakness or of any kind of disease. It is a source of strength and of mental power, and it is a source of happiness and of contentment. It is a source of health and of life, and it is a source of peace and of harmony. It is a source of joy and of love, and it is a source of wisdom and of knowledge. It is a source of all that is good and beautiful in life, and it is a source of all that is noble and heroic in the human soul. It is a source of all that is true and lasting in the world, and it is a source of all that is great and glorious in the history of mankind. It is a source of all that is good and beautiful in life, and it is a source of all that is noble and heroic in the human soul. It is a source of all that is true and lasting in the world, and it is a source of all that is great and glorious in the history of mankind."

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REGATTA NOTES.

The Professional Cup race will be the last number on the programme of the first day's racing at the forthcoming V.R.C. Regatta, and the following are the entries for this event:—

Barlow.
Barlow (bow).
T. Brown.
J. McArthur.
E. D. Sanders (stroke).
G. A. Caldwell (cox).
Brokers.
S. I. Danby (bow).
G. U. Potts.
M. Turao.
I. M. G. Manuk (stroke).
F. Kew (cox).

Killick (bow).
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I. Machado.
W. A. Stapani.
E. A. Lammett (stroke).
C. H. Kew (cox).
Talkoo.
G. C. Fullerton (bow).
W. Armstrong.
T. W. Lammett.
I. M. G. Manuk (stroke).
Frank Lammett (stroke).
F. Kew (cox).

Foreign Hove.
J. B. Grimes (bow).
E. Blischoff.
R. Glueing.
H. S. Pitt (stroke).

Considerable interest is naturally taken in this event, which promises to be an exciting contest. As far as the prospects of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank crew is concerned, they are by no means bright. There is too much weight in the stern and it is therefore quite possible, if not actually probable that, unless they dispense with a good deal of superfluous blubber between their ribs, they will, at their best, make only a "stern chase" of it. Barlow and McArthur, by the way, seem a little "off-colour" and unaccustomed to hard work in a choppy sea.

The Brokers' crew are putting in a lot of honest work and keep excellent time, chances of victory, barring accidents, are decidedly good, but Manuk (stroke) will have to row with better judgment than heretofore, unless he expects to win by a mere stroke of luck.

The merchants' representatives will undoubtedly make a tall bid for first place. The *Kachong* quartette are lightweights, the *Talkoo* middleweights and the *Foreign* Hongkongers. It is clear that whatever the surface of the course may be like, the *Talkoo* men will be able to make it very hot for the Bankers and Brokers, who have, nevertheless, so little confidence in their respective chances.

For the "Risky" crowd Danby and Potts, who are training very conscientiously, may be looked upon to make up for any lack of staying power on the part of their colleagues, if they don't overdo the training as they did the share business when the ever-to-be-remembered and deeply-regretted "boom" was more in evidence than it ever will be again.

The second day's sport will commence with the ever popular "International" distance 12 mile, for which the entries are:—

German.
R. F. Lammett (stroke).
E. Blischoff.
F. Lammett.
E. A. Lammett (bow).
C. H. Kew (cox).
English.
G. C. Hayward (stroke).
G. C. F. Master.
G. H. Potts.
A. Turner (bow).
G. A. Caldwell (cox).

Scotch.
W. Armstrong (stroke).
F. B. Grimes (stroke).
E. D. Sanders.
T. B. Thomas.
Barlow (bow).
F. White (cox).

With Ernest Lammett *hors de combat* it is hardly likely that the *Fatherland* will be able to repeat their easy victory of last year, though the change resulting from the invalided "one's" absence (Theodore Lammett *vice* his brother, and Blischoff *bow*) forced retirement can hardly be considered to have endangered their prospects of a place. Blischoff was never fit for No. 3, and it is just as well that he has at last been relegated to a position suited to the feeblest oarsman in the boat.

The English crew should make a better show next week than they did last December. Master, Potts and Turner are all in very fair condition, though Potts has apparently been "rushing" his training to a dangerous extent, and if the representatives of "merrie, merrie England" are defeated at the post, it will be owing chiefly to this "one's" lack of thoroughly sound condition and patient training.

The Irish laddies are going well and it is quite possible that, thanks to the care and zeal of Grimes and Sanders, the *Emerald* green will carry off the palm. However, nothing can yet be definitely stated, as Barlow and Brown don't appear to be quite up to the standard required for such a hot contest as this race assuredly will be, and our readers had better wait for our "tips" on the forthcoming events before they risk any shakels on the issue.

Three years have elapsed since Bonnie Scotland took a hand in this contest, and it is only for the sake of encouragement and from no patriotic motives, it is to be hoped that they will show their heels to their competitors. It is hardly likely, however, that they will prove the victors on this occasion, for there is a sad lack of "lift" in their work, and No. 3 is apparently too weak to keep going from start to finish at "fast" speed, and he will have to go in for a lot of hard work to develop his muscles and improve his wind, unless he wants to find his boat in the rack before the race is half over.

It is certain, nevertheless, that the "International" will be a very interesting event and be keenly contested

